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REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1896.

To the officers and members of the Historical Society of Southern California.

During the year your committee has endeavored to provide for the different meetings of the society as varied a program as possible. With the limited number of writers presenting papers it has not always been possible to present as diversified or as attractive a program as your committee would have desired.

In selecting papers for publication, your committee has endeavored to choose those that contained historical matter pertaining to different phases of Pacific coast history. In this, as well as in all previous publications of the society, it is understood the authors and not the society are responsible for the statements made in their papers and for the opinions and views expressed.

Your committee would respectfully call the attention of members reading papers before the society to that section of our by-laws which requires every member reading a paper to file a copy of the same with our secretary. This requirement has not been complied with in several cases and valuable papers have thus been lost to the society.

The issue for 1896 concludes the third volume of the society's annual publications. The committee would recommend that hereafter the publications be paged consecutively beginning with next year's issue and continuing to the close of the volume; also that the quality of the paper be changed from antique to 60lb laid book. A plainer impression can be obtained on the last named paper.

The following are the titles of papers read before the society during the year 1896.

JANUARY MEETING.

Inaugural Address of the President, by Frank J. Polley.

What can be seen at San Juan Capistrano to day, by F. J. Polley.

FEBRUARY MEETING.

A Two Thousand Mile Stage Ride, by H. D. Barrows.

To California via Panama in the early '60s, by J. M. Guinn.

APRIL MEETING.

A Southern California Alcibiades, by F. J. Polley.

Life of Michael White, by H. D. Barrows.

MAY MEETING.

The Sociology of the Native Californian, F. J. Polley.

Capt. Jedediah S. Smith—The Pathfinder of the Sierras, by J. M. Guinn.

Antonio Maria Lugo—A characteristic Californian, by H. D. Barrows.

JUNE MEETING.

Renegade Indians of San Gabriel, by F. J. Polley.

General John Mansfield, by H. D. Barrows.

Pioneer Life in California, by F. D. Shaw.

Patriarchial Age of the Mission, by F. D. Shaw.

OCTOBER MEETING.

The Value of a Historical Society, by Mrs. M Burton Williamson.

Historic Houses of Los Angeles, by J. M. Guinn.

NOVEMBER MEETING.

A Defense of the Missionary Establishments of Alta California, by
ev. J. Adam.

Governor Gaspar de Portolà, by H. D. Barrows.

DECEMBER MEETING.

The Foundering of the Steamer Central America, by H. D. Barrows.

CURATOR'S REPORT.

1896.

LIBRARY AND COLLECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

Whole number of bound volumes.....	812
Number of pamphlets and paper covered books.....	3675
Number of daily newspapers received and filed for binding	5
Number of weekly newspapers.....	15
Number of monthly magazines.....	5
Number of quarterlies.....	6

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. GUINN, Curator.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the officers and members of the Historical Society of Southern California.

Your Secretary reports as follows:

Number of meetings held..... 8

Number of papers read..... 18

For nearly twelve years the Society has held its meetings in the City Court room—Old City Hall, west Second street. The city sold the building the early part of the present year. The last meeting of the Society held there was in April. The experiment of holding meetings at private